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APPENDIX VI.

[Vide answer to question No. 71 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th August 1929, page 162 supra.]

Representation received.

Orders passed.

- (1) From the Right Rev. Dr. Paul Perini, s.j., dated 7th December 1927. The memorialist's request for the transfer to him of certain lands which had been alienated to him by a third party without the sanction of Government, was sanctioned.
- (2) From the South Kanara Indian Christian Civic League, dated 11th February 1928, and from Mr. J. A. Saldanha, M.L.C., dated 19th May 1928. The Government held that as they were advised that the legal position is that the properties attached to Roman Catholic churches or other Roman Catholic institutions in British India are vested in the Pope, the previous sanction of Government will be necessary to assignment of land to Roman Catholic churches, dioceses and other Roman Catholic institutions and to alienation to such churches, dioceses and institutions of lands.
- (3) From the Right Rev. Dr. Paul Perini, s.j., dated 22nd February 1928. The Government declined to interfere with the order of the Collector of South Kanara cancelling the assignment of certain lands made to one Ganapathi Shanbogue for breach of the condition regarding alienation to a non-British subject.
- (4) From Mr. J. A. Saldanha, M.L.C., dated 21st February 1929. The Government held that assignments of lands made in favour of Roman Catholic churches in India are assignments in favour of the Pope. They considered that whether he is regarded as the owner or Supreme Administrator of the lands assigned there would be no justification for any change in the rule which requires their sanction for the assignment of lands to Roman Catholic missions.